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	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	Noon	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	8.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.55	5.20	7.10
Yammat...Dep.	6.50	8.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.09	7.19
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	8.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.21	7.31
Taipei...Dep.	7.16	8.50	11.05	12.35	1.50	5.10	5.35	7.45
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.31	9.05	11.20	12.50	2.05	5.25	5.50	7.60
Fanning...Dep.	7.45	9.19	11.34	13.04	2.19	5.39	6.04	7.74
Shungshui...Dep.	7.58	9.32	11.47	13.17	2.32	5.52	6.17	7.87
Shumchun...Arr.	7.43	10.13	12.28	12.58	2.13	5.33	6.03	8.03

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Shumchun...Dep.	7.31	9.05	11.20	12.50	2.05	5.25	5.50	7.60
Shungshui...Dep.	7.45	9.19	11.34	13.04	2.19	5.39	6.04	7.74
Fanning...Dep.	7.58	9.32	11.47	13.17	2.32	5.52	6.17	7.87
Taipei Market...Dep.	8.13	9.47	12.02	13.32	2.47	6.07	6.32	8.02
Taipei...Dep.	8.27	10.01	12.16	13.46	3.01	6.21	6.46	8.16
Shatin...Dep.	8.41	10.15	12.30	14.00	3.15	6.35	6.60	8.30
Yammat...Dep.	8.55	10.29	12.44	14.14	3.29	6.49	6.74	8.44
Kowloon...Arr.	9.20	10.54	13.09	14.39	3.54	7.14	7.39	8.69

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Yammat...Dep.	6.50	8.45	10.40	12.10	1.25	5.05	5.30	7.20
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	8.57	10.52	12.22	1.37	5.17	5.42	7.32
Taipei...Dep.	7.16	9.11	11.06	12.36	1.51	5.31	5.56	7.46
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.31	9.26	11.21	12.51	2.06	5.46	6.01	7.61
Fanning...Dep.	7.45	9.40	11.35	13.05	2.20	5.60	6.15	7.75
Shungshui...Dep.	7.58	9.53	11.48	13.18	2.33	5.73	6.28	7.88
Shumchun...Arr.	7.43	9.38	11.33	13.03	2.18	5.58	6.13	8.03

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Shungshui...Dep.	8.26	10.21	12.16	13.46	3.01	6.21	6.46	8.16
Fanning...Dep.	8.39	10.34	12.29	13.59	3.14	6.34	6.59	8.29
Taipei Market...Dep.	8.53	10.48	12.43	14.13	3.28	6.48	7.03	8.43
Taipei...Dep.	9.07	11.02	12.57	14.27	3.42	6.62	7.17	8.57
Shatin...Dep.	9.21	11.16	13.11	14.41	3.56	6.76	7.31	9.01
Yammat...Dep.	9.35	11.30	13.25	14.55	4.10	6.90	7.45	9.15
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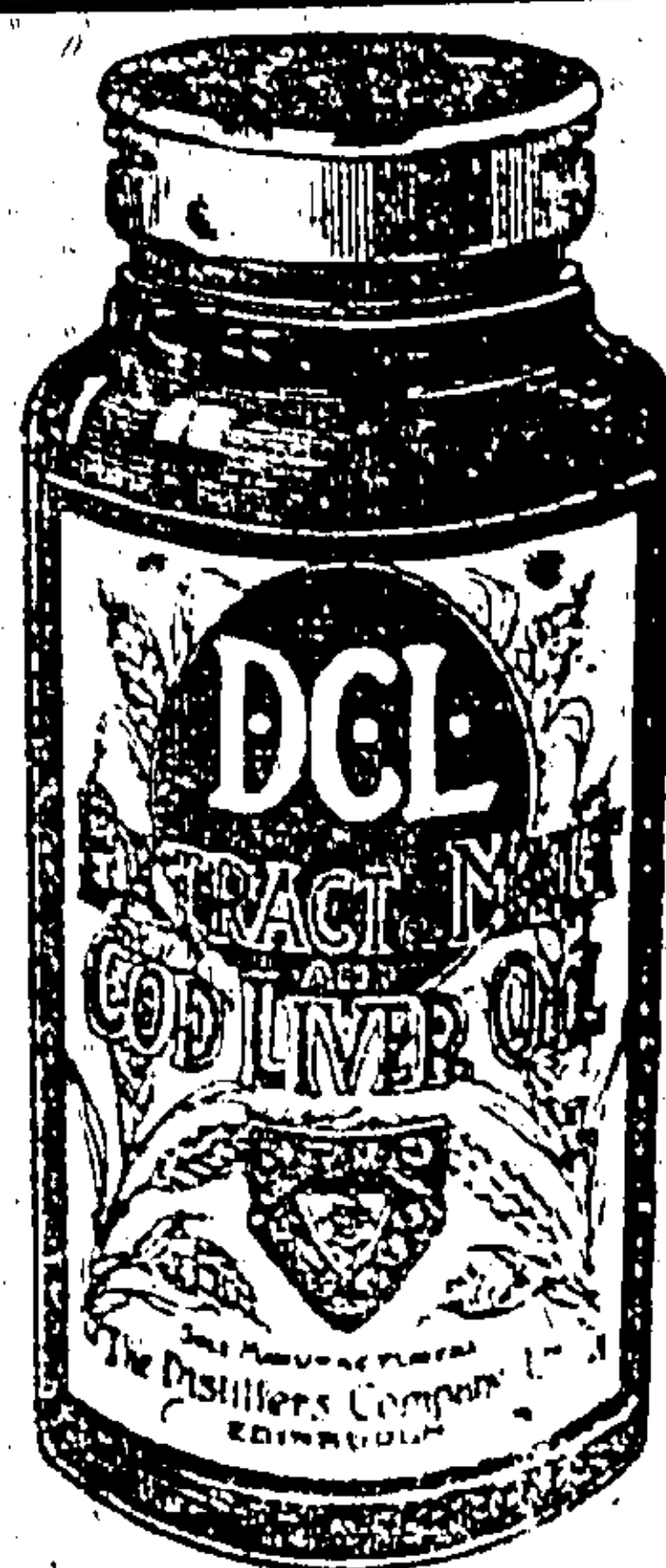
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PLAN TO DEVELOP EMPIRE TRADE.

PAYMENT BY RESULTS.

A SUGGESTION FROM JAMAICA.

The Council of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce are drawing the attention of Chambers throughout the country to a scheme for development of the trade of the Empire prepared by Mr. F. H. Robertson, of the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce, with a view to securing their opinion of it.

Its basis is that the Mother Country should offer to every country within the Empire an award of, say, 10 per cent. on the total increase in the value of British goods imported into that part of the Empire during each year following the introduction of the scheme which is to operate for a fixed period of five years.

An example is given: Assuming the total import trade of a Dominion or Colony "A" in 1924 was £5,000,000 of which Great Britain's share was £2,000,000 and foreign countries £3,000,000. If, at the end of 1925, Great Britain's share of import trade was £2,000,000 and the foreigners' share £3,000,000, then the increase in the value of trade in favour of Great Britain would be £1,000,000. On such a sum the award would be paid. If fixed at 10 per cent, the Dominion or Colony would receive £100,000 from the Mother Country.

DISTRIBUTION.

It is suggested that the Government of the Dominion or Colony receiving the award should distribute it for the benefit of the general community in various directions, including the construction of public works for development, all materials of construction to be British.

It is claimed by Mr. Robertson that his scheme will reconstitute the export trade of Great Britain; secure for Great Britain's industries a large percentage of the Empire trade now being taken by foreign countries; and save the British Government millions of pounds per annum now being paid in unemployment relief.

The scheme is one which it is thought will interest in a practical way every section of the population of the country in which it operates.

NO UNDUE INTERFERENCE.

The author is of the opinion that it will not in any way interfere with established channels of trade. Every manufacturer exporting goods will be assisted, and yet will still maintain his individual interest in the markets abroad.

The author asserts that there will be no onerous formalities or restrictions; no setting up of an elaborate new Government Department, and it will in no way interfere with existing Government Trade Departments or Commissioners. He further considers that it will not raise the question of tariffs, Free Trade, or Protection; and that it will cost the Government nothing until definite results have accrued, and then Great Britain would benefit according to the success of the scheme.

WOMEN JOURNALISTS IN JAPAN.

A DOZEN IN TOKYO.

Recently a Tokyo magazine advertised for a woman journalist, and there were, 280 replies, which shows both the enthusiasm to enter the profession and the scarcity of such jobs for women at present in Japan. A pioneer woman journalist, Miss Shigeo Takenaka who is on the staff of the Tokyo *Asahi*, has been interviewed on the subject by another Tokyo paper, the *Japan Times*. When Miss Takenaka joined the *Asahi*, 14 years ago she was the only woman on the staff and but the third Japanese woman to take up journalism in any form. For many years, she says, there was little increase in the ranks. But within the last few years the demand has extended, though the posts are still discouragingly few. To-day there are about a dozen women on Tokyo newspapers and about 15 on magazine work.

Miss Takenaka, however, is optimistic for the future of women journalists in Japan. The increased demand will be one of the results of the spread of education among the women there. The woman's outlook is changing. Usually it is assumed, says Miss Takenaka, that the Japanese woman, because she has been very dutiful in her role of wife and mother, is essentially weak.

The truth is quite to the contrary, she asserts. "She has been patient," Miss Takenaka says, "but she has not been entirely unthinking. Her very patience has given her a great strength. To-day, it might appear, going down the streets of Tokyo and observing the women, that there is no consciousness among most of them of the coming of a new age. However, even these women who seem to be the passer-by to be the typically meek and modest Japanese wives are thinking."

There is resistance to change, of course, and from among the women themselves, as happened in other countries when the advanced women claimed emancipation. But slowly the more intelligent women of Japan are waking up. There are men, too, in Japan who are ahead at the new attitude of women, but there are also men who are willing and eager that women be given greater equality and better opportunities.

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A DICTIONARY OF THE WAR.

TECHNICALITIES AND PERSONAGES.

Tapan—Director General. Special reference to the Director-General of the Army reorganization, that is, a camouflage Tachun.

Kuomintang—The People's or National Army. Divided into three armies under Feng Fu Hsiang, Yoh Wei Chun, and Sun Yueh.

Fengchun—The Fentien Army.

Citizens' Convention—A body convened by the Peking Government to write still another constitution.

Many Senate—A body appointed by Tuan Chi Jui to tide over between the meetings of the Rehabilitation Conference and the Citizens' Convention.

Anfu Club—The dominant political party in Peking headed by Tuan Chi Jui, the Provisional Chief Executive.

The Red Kuomintang—A Bolshevik branch of the Kuomintang in control of Canton city.

The White Kuomintang—A loose name of foreign origin for the anti-Bolshevik members of the Kuomintang.

The Chihli Party—The followers of Wu Peifu directly and unattached to other units.

The Old Chiao Tung Clique—Chang Tso Lin's political agents headed by Liang Shih Yin.

PERSONALITIES INVOLVED.

Tuan Chi Jui—Provisional President, not elected in accordance with the constitution but chosen by Chang Tso Lin, Feng Yu Hsiang, and the Anfu Club.

Chang Tso Lin—In command of the Fengtien army and in control of the Three Eastern Provinces. At present dominates the Peking Government.

Feng Yu Hsiang—Tupax of Kansu and in control of the Mongolian troops within Peking. Commander of the First Kuomintang Army.

Wu Pei Fu—Commander now of a small bodyguard of 10,000 men. All anti-faction commanders claim that they are subordinate to him, although the test of such subordination will have to come after he has returned to Loyang.

At present on the Yangtze between Yochow and Hankow.

Li Qing Lin—Tupax of Chihli. Formerly the most experienced commander in Chang Tso Lin's army. A native of Chihli and therefore an uncertain quantity in the present struggle.

Chang Chung Chang—Tupax of Shan-tung. Active commander on the Fengtien side during the last war. Now believed to be neutral because unable to control troops which consist of former Wu Pei Fu and Chih Hsiang Yuan soldiers.

Does not want to relinquish hold on the Tientsin Arsenal and therefore striving to hold on to his post in Shan-tung in spite of renewed Chihli-Fengtien war.

Xiao Yu Ting—Tupax of Kiangsu. Also Chang Tso Lin's high political adviser and Chief of Staff. Political corner stone of Fengtien. Now practically driven from Kiangsu by Sun Chuanfang.

Sun Chuanfang—Wu Pei Fu's adjutant. Shrewd political as well as able military commander. Now declared himself Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of Chekiang, Fukien, Kiangsu, Kiangsi and Anhui. Aspires to become figure of equal importance with Chang Tso Lin in Central China.

Yoh Wei Chun—Commander of the Second Kuomintang Army. Has most troops so well armed. In control of Houss. Expected to participate in the war under the command of Wu Pei Fu and Feng Yu Hsiang. His part of the programme is to capture Hsuehchow and Shan.

Sun Hsiao—Commander of the 3rd Kuomintang army. Tupax of Shensi. Expected to attack Shansi and to hold north-east for Feng Yu Hsiang.

Bei Wei Shao—In command of the troops at Hsuehchow. Expected to join the Second Kuomintang at Hsuehchow. An aspirant for the Tupax of Kiangsu.

Chi Hsiang Yuan—In Beppu, Japan. Expected back shortly as Vice-Commander of Wu Pei Fu's forces.

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No less than 10 out of the 24 persons who died in Australia at 100 years of age or over, during 1924, were born in Ireland. All had, however, lived for long periods in Australia, the average time of residence being 64 years. A Chinese resident had reached the age of 127 and 108 of which were spent in Australia. He died at Brisbane. Three Irishmen came next on the list for longevity, one having lived for 105 years, and the other two for 104 years. Strange enough, all four of these men were soldiers, and was another of the male centenarians. Fifteen of the 24 persons were females: one was born in Ireland 103 years before her death, but had been for 88 years in Australia. Another of the same age was a native. All the women were married. Three only of the 24 persons were natives of the country, and they were all born in this State. It is noted the Commonwealth publication from which this information is derived that the particulars were taken from the death certificates, and that no attempt had been made by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics to verify them.

In connection, reverting to her work on the *Asahi*, Miss Takenaka said she has been treated as an equal by the men. They have taken certain precautions, which, according to Miss Takenaka, might or might not have been necessary in the work they have assigned to her. Her experience has been a rounded and her working relationships friendly and pleasant.

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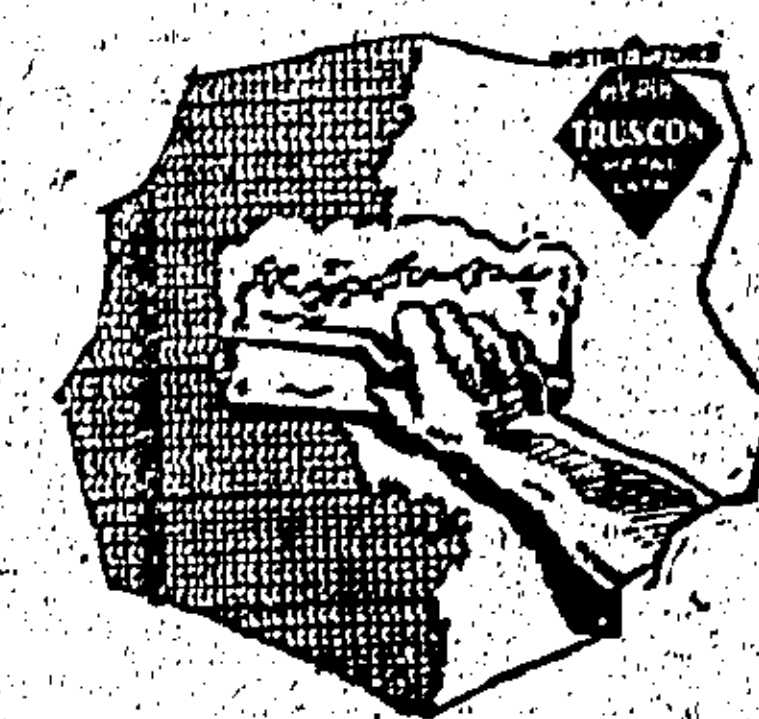
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"THE LIFE OF FAITH."

THIRD OF THE SERIES OF SERMONS
BY THE REV. R. J. NORTHCOTT.

Below is given the third, and final, sermon of the series which the Rev. R. J. Northcott, the local Chaplain of the Forces, has delivered at St. John's Cathedral on the subject of "A Summary of Christian Faith." The first sermon was on "The Roots of Faith" and the second on "The Flower of Faith."

1. TIM. I. 18.—"This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, that thou mightest war a good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience, which some have put away concerning faith have made shipwreck."

It is much more difficult to talk about the life of faith than the subjects we have considered on the past two Sundays. It is always easier to tell people what to believe than how to live. In fact the more we know of people the less we like to tell them what they ought to do. The more we realise that as nobody can enter into another man's life nobody can judge it. And Jesus told us not to judge at all. But although we are not to judge individuals we have got to make judgments of life before we decide the way we are going to take. Society is a place in which all kinds of ideas, good and bad, grow up side by side, and some people accept one set of ideas and some people another—and most of us find a good deal with the sort of ideas which we do not really accept. But these ideas society gets hold of have a way of becoming almost personal, and like people they change. And the danger is that society may accept in one generation a perfectly good idea, but as time goes on the idea goes to the bad, but it may be a long time before society notices it. And although our Lord was most charitable about the lives of individuals, when He came across a bad idea accepted by the world as a good idea He did not mince words about it. "Ye blind guides," He said, "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how shall ye escape the damnation of hell?" That was when He found hypocrisy being passed as sincerity.

JUDGMENT OF CURRENT IDEAS.

In every age the real difficulty for the man who wants to lead a true life is to judge current ideas, and to know what to accept and what to reject. In this age when wars are as the sands of the sea for multitude, it is peculiarly difficult for the man who wants to live the life of faith to know exactly what to do and what not to do. He hears even clergymen saying that the people who do not go to church are often just as good as the people who do, and that if you want to play a game on a Sunday there is no reason why you shouldn't, and if the Lord gave us wine to make glad the heart of man there is no reason why a fellow should refuse a whisky and soda. And no doubt when clergymen say these things, in their measure and their proper context, they say what is true. And the ordinary man who wants to live a decent life in the Christian faith does not want to be thought a fool, or a prig, or a hypocrite. He knows that, in a way, he is no better than anybody else, but he is not sure whether that means he can do what everybody else does. He is certainly not sure whether current ideas about religion are correct. Whether, for instance, it is only the foolish and the Pharisees who sneak off to church, and the wise and broad-minded gentlemen, who see no harm in anything, who stop away. He knows that in the days when all respectable people went to church a number of people who might rightly be called Pharisees went with them. But in these days, when no particular class of people make a point of going to church, there is mighty little encouragement for Pharisees. And the Pharisees have in fact made their way, with the rest of the world, to the more relaxing atmosphere of the golf links and the tennis courts. And there, sometimes, in a lull in the game, one learns what the church ought to do, and how Christians ought to behave. "Of course," we hear, "I don't profess to be religious myself, but I must say that if I did profess to be anything I'd jolly well, etc., etc." And as the conversation proceeds one feels that another saint "The Little Flower of Fanning" shall we say, has been omitted from the calendar. Granted, the Pharisees of to-day are in their generation wiser than the Pharisees of the last generation, but we must not lose sight of the fact that the soul of the Pharisee is as barren and the pride of the Pharisee as as blatant as ever. And the really objectionable thing about the modern gentleman, who always starts Sunday in his bathrobe and will only discuss religion after several drinks, is that he is as convinced as the Pharisee of old, that if there is a God at all, he is a man after God's own heart.

CURRENT CANT.

And the first thing the modern Christian has to do is to be on his guard against current cant. He cannot afford to be a child swayed hither and thither by what everybody says. He has to become a man who can judge life for himself. Who is aware that the opinions of the world are constantly false, and the ideas of even good people are not necessarily very much good in his own life. What Kipling gave as the tests of a man, must also be the tests of the modern Christian:

"If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too,
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about don't deal in lies,
Or being hated don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise."

Modern Christians are being brought up in a difficult school, but all difficulties have their compensations, and the Christians who keep their heads in these days are going to become the sort of men who will carry the church through anything. And there is no greater guide a man can take with him than the old guide, the old book, the Bible. The Bible is not only a treasury of the very best kind of worldly wisdom. The more one reads the Bible the more enduring and satisfactory its philosophy and judgment of life seems to be. And I'll guarantee that if any ordinarily intelligent man reads his Bible faithfully, he will be more sensible and balanced; a better judge of men's characters; less likely to make a fool of himself over wine or women; less likely to be a prig or a faddist; sterner and cleaner in body and in soul; than if he reads all the modern books and booklets he can lay hands on.

DON QUIXOTE CHRISTIANS.

But the Bible is not enough. "We need the church as well. Apart from the church even good men get silly ideas. They run the risk of becoming sort of Don Quixote Christians, who are adrift to serve and fight for the right, but who go about tilting at windmills and imaginary enemies, and are content to have some little man on a donkey following them."

The average man is like the average soldier: and the average soldier is an excellent fellow, with any amount of strength and courage, and with the fighting qualities, but he needs the discipline of the barracks and the barrack square of the barracks and the barrack square, and obviously, he must be attached to a unit. And the average man is an excellent fellow, with any amount of natural goodness, and a real sense of God, but he needs the discipline and the guidance of the Church and the Sacraments before his natural goodness develops and quickens his character. And again obviously, as it seems to me, he must be attached to a unit. He must attach himself definitely to some body of Christian people who are out for the Kingdom of God.

I know there are difficulties. I know how helpless and uninspiring the Church services can be. I know, perhaps better than most people here, how disheartening even the service of God in His Church appears at times. But if a man would war for the Christian warfare not only for his own sake but for the sake of the side, he must throw in his lot with the church. For the church is the one thing that stands out definitely for God. And one notices, again and again that when a man loses touch with his church, he loses touch with God, and when he loses touch with God he begins to lose hold of his own life—sometimes pathetically, and in the sight of all men.

JOKES ABOUT THE CHURCH.

I must say I get rather tired of the jokes made about the church, and even of the funny men who dress up as country curates. It is not just because the jokes are not always particularly good jokes, or the funny men particularly funny. It is because, even if the caricatures are true to life, there is nothing very much to laugh at; it is a most dismal tragedy. For when the church fails, men fail, and when men fail the world suffers, and women suffer, and children suffer too. For the Light of the Glory of God is dimmed in many a home. And righteousness and peace, joy and laughter, do not dwell so securely in a home where there is no faith in God where tiny hands are never folded, nor restless little bodies stilled for a moment, while with quaint reverence they learn to lip their Father's Name. Sometimes we hear people saying that it is a funny thing but their children don't seem to be interested in religion, and they don't believe in bothering them about it. It is not funny at all, it's a damned shame. It is not the children who are not interested in religion, it is the parents who are not interested. It is the parents who don't believe in bothering about it. Certainly if we only fool about our own religion our children are not going to be fooled. Children are always most sensitive to truth. How often do they ask us over some silly story, "Is it really, really, really true?"

"O little feet: that such long years
Must wander on through hopes and fears."

Must wander on through hopes and fears.
Must wander on through hopes and fears.
Must wander on through hopes and fears.

So wrote Longfellow. It does not matter how good an education we give our children, or how fine a career we prepare for them, it does not even matter how amazingly we love them, the time will come when they will call and we shall not be there to answer. And if we leave God out of their reckoning we are robbing them of the One Factor which in their most perilous, most passionate, and lonely moments, might soothe the bitterness of the sorrow of this world, or save them making shipwreck of all our hearts had planned.

HOLD FAST TO THE CHURCH.

That is why we have got to hold fast to the Church of God. It does not belong to the clergy. It belongs to every one of us. It is the business of every one of us. It is the body of God's Truth for us and for our children. Men call the church The Body of Christ, and it is the Body of Christ. And though it is despised and rejected of men, though it is a wounded and broken body, it is wounded more often than not through our own transgressions, and through its sorrows we are healed. The Broken Body has been for

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Hongkong Bank	\$1,140 sales
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Do. Calcutta	\$21 1/2 buy.
P. & O. Bank	\$21 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$21 1/2 sales
Canton Insurance	\$25 1/2 buy.
China Underwriters	\$135 no.
Union Insurance	\$200 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	\$20 nom.
China Fire Insurance	\$200 buy.
Donghai	\$20 nom.
H.K. & C. M. Steamships	\$20 nom.
Hongkong Tug	\$12 sales
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$70 nom.
Do. (Def.) London	70 no.
Do. Hongkong	80 buy.
Shell Transport	\$10 1/2, \$20
Star Ferry	\$10 buy.
Western	\$10 1/2 nom.
Oriental Navigation	\$25 1/2 nom.
China Sugars	\$17 1/2 buy.
Malayan Sugars	\$24 nom.
Benguet	\$3 buy.
Enlia Mining A.	\$12 1/2 buy.
Langkats (combined)	\$15 no.
Do. (simple)	\$15 no.
Shanghai Ex. Loans	\$15 no.
Shanghai Loans	\$15 no.
Kaiba	\$12 buy.
Trench Mines	\$7 1/2 buy.
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H.K. & K. Wharves	\$85 nom.
H.K. & W. Dock	\$15 1/2 nom.
Hongkong	\$15 1/2 nom.
Shanghai Dock	\$15 1/2 buy.
Amoy	\$10 1/2, \$10 1/2
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	\$94 nom.
Hongkong Realty	\$22 buy.
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Humphreys Estates	\$150 nom.
Pratt's Buildings	\$10 nom.
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Do. (new)	\$15 1/2 buy.
Cant. Ice	\$7 1/2
Cementa (combined)	\$18 seller.
Do. (old)	\$14 nom.
Do. (new)	\$4 nom.
China Brues	\$10 1/2
China Lights (combined)	\$22 1/2 sales
Do. (old)	\$8 nom.
Do. (new)	\$13 nom.
China Providents (comb.)	\$247 nom.
Do. (old)	\$22 nom.
Do. (new)	\$21 nom.
Constructors	\$194 1/2
Dairy Farms	\$10 nom.
Der A Wing (f.p.)	\$37 nom.
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Do. (new)	\$94 nom.
Hongkong Tramways	\$26 nom.
Lane Crawford	\$11 1/2
Mackintosh	\$2 1/2
Peak Trans (old)	\$15 1/2
Do. (new)	\$5 nom.
Sincere	\$134 nom.
Taxis	\$25 sel.
United Assurance	\$20 nom.
Watacans (old)	\$16 sel.
Do. (new)	\$15 sel.
William Powells	\$14 seller.
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STEAMER'S DELAY CAUSES SET

BACK OF PROGRAMME.

Messrs. Moutrie and Company inform us that the Italian Opera Company owing to the delay of their steamer, are obliged to cancel their opening performance on Saturday, of "Il Tavoro." They will commence their programme on Monday with "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci."

We have received newspaper cuttings from Ceylon and Bombay, giving reports of the Company's success at both places. The Company have played to record houses there, and the newspaper reports are enthusiastic in their praise of the manner in which the opera were staged.

generations, and still is, the Bread of Life to countless souls, the blood out-poured a fountain of Hop springing up into Eternal Life.

That is why, even in these days when the church is in so much disrepute, I put the Church, and service in the Church, as the central fact of the Life of Faith. I know there is something deeper and greater. I know that no philosophy of life, no studious pondering over the Bible, nor the most strenuous service in the church, can alone make a man acceptable in the sight of God. The real truth of a man is known only to Him before Whom the secrets of all hearts are disclosed. There is an inner life. There is a veil past which we cannot see. And we who preach stand, all unjustly, outside the sanctuaries of men's souls, and bid them heed this and heed that, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear. But God alone trieth the heart. And only when God's voice speaks through our voice, only when God's power works through our hands, only when God's incorruptible Spirit can pass through the spiritual blindness of his ministers, is the way of God made clear, and the will of God accomplished. "It is neither you nor me the world wants but God," wrote Peter Green, and he can only shine through a sanctified personality, and He can only work through a surrendered will; when we have perfectly learned that truth there will be no triumph too great for us to achieve."

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What is described by the Press of America and Europe as the most wonderful and magnificent "wonder" film that has ever been produced, "Siegfried," of "The Nibelungs" proved a tremendous draw at the Queen's Theatre last night.

The film is a real triumph for German art, and, with the production of such a masterpiece, Germany can now be ranked as the first film producing country in the world.

"Siegfried" from beginning to end is beautiful, and in parts there are things too beautiful for words. The legend, based on the story of the old Scandinavian Sagas, has received wonderfully sensitive treatment at the hands of the producer, Fritz Lang. The latter has translated to the screen with great accuracy the medieval note which is so essential, even to the crudities and crudities dear to the old myth makers.

"Siegfried" strikes a note which moves its audience. An instance of the gripping nature of the production is given by the *London Star*, of April 30th, which says: "Siegfried's fight with the dragon will probably be the most discussed scene. Three times during the fight last night the audience of ten thousand broke into applause."

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The film will be screened to-day and to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre.

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London Sunday News, May 4, 1925—"The Nibelungs," Germany can now be ranked as the first film producing country in the world. The critics of this country have all been very deeply impressed by this picture, and the critic we have with us told me after seeing the picture: The scene in the woods is the most beautiful yet seen on a screen. Two weeks ago, when I wrote about this picture I said it was the best drama ever made. After seeing it the second time I amend this statement by saying that it is the ONLY drama ever produced."

London Illustrated Sunday Herald, May 4, 1925—"Fritz Lang is the best director in the world, and 'Siegfried' of 'The Nibelungs' is the best picture ever produced. In two weeks this will be exhibited all throughout the country, and I am sure you will agree with me in what I say."

London Daily Mail, April 30, 1925—"Siegfried," in terms of art is the zenith of screen ambition. It raises this art to new heights. It is not any of the so-called "Ring" productions. In the picture we see the legends embodied in medieval poems and perpetuated through the years by tradition."

London Daily News, April 30, 1925—"A thunderous applause welcomed the screening of the marvellous beautiful scenes of Siegfried."

Manchester Guardian, April 30, 1925—"Siegfried" is pictures! We have never seen a film that could paint so much poetry from life. People who see this picture will change their opinion of the 'German Hun.' This film is for all kinds of people—including those who never read to the extent of even glancing at a newspaper."

London Evening Standard, May 4, 1925—"The Nibelungs" is a mighty picture—the bringing of a nation to birth—the making and breaking of the commandments were elementary tests by comparison. Nothing like it has ever been conceived, much less achieved."

London Star, April 30, 1925—"Siegfried's fight with the dragon will probably be the most discussed scene. Three times during the fight last night the audience of ten thousand broke into applause."

London Referee, April 30, 1925—"Siegfried" is the greatest picture ever made, I fancy that Albert Hall, with the 10,000 capacity, will be taxed to accommodate all who wish to see this screen epic."

AT THE QUEEN'S

"Any attempt to indicate in mere words the extraordinary experience which awaits at the Century Theatre during the next few weeks becomes suddenly pale and feeble in the midst of the visions of splendour which now arise magically in our mind at the very mention of the name of Siegfried."

Miss W. Waldorf, Evening Post.

"Siegfried" is undoubtedly the most beautiful film New York has ever seen."

Warren Nolan, Evening Telegram.

"Siegfried," with musical score arranged from Wagner's Ring of the Nibelung, provides a tremendously moving evening's entertainment."

The Moviegoer, The Sun.

"The picture is awe-inspiring, and must have cost millions and taken years to make. We cheerfully recommend 'Siegfried' to all patrons of the screen."

Harriet Underhill, Herald Tribune.

"Siegfried" is a startling and beautiful picture and will be a hit with music lovers."

George Gerhard, Evening World.

"Siegfried stands alone among films. The score from the Wagnerian operas was arranged by Hugo Reizenfeld in a masterly fashion. Children should be taken to see 'Siegfried.'"

Delight Evans, Morning Telegraph.

"The picturisation of the Nibelungen and Norse sagas is a worthy accompaniment. UFA has made a film that stands distinctive and in a class by itself, and in addition, makes an interesting and entertaining screen play. Paul Richter as 'Siegfried' is as a Greek god."

Louella Parsons—American.

"Siegfried" is the most impressive, most dignified picture we have ever seen. It is a shiny cloak of medieval splendour. It is the Norse sagas you read about in childhood come to life. It is a richly imaginative piece of work that cannot be overpraised. This is one time all doubt can be washed from the overworked saying, Go to see it. Its wall worth it."

Mildred Spain, Daily News.

"Siegfried" is magnificent. It is a great drama, palpitating romance and dynamic action. Wonderful sets and exquisite photographic effects. The most wonderful production we have seen in many a long, long day."

Dorothy Herzig, Daily Mirror.

"Siegfried" we predict is destined for a long run. Certainly the picture is a triumph and answers definitely in the affirmative the oft-discussed question as to whether the cinema art may effectively be employed to recreate the impressive grandeur of classic opera. It isn't too much to say, that 'Siegfried' is unquestionably the most nearly perfect production of a great classic that the screen can give us."

Begina Cannon, Evening Graphic.

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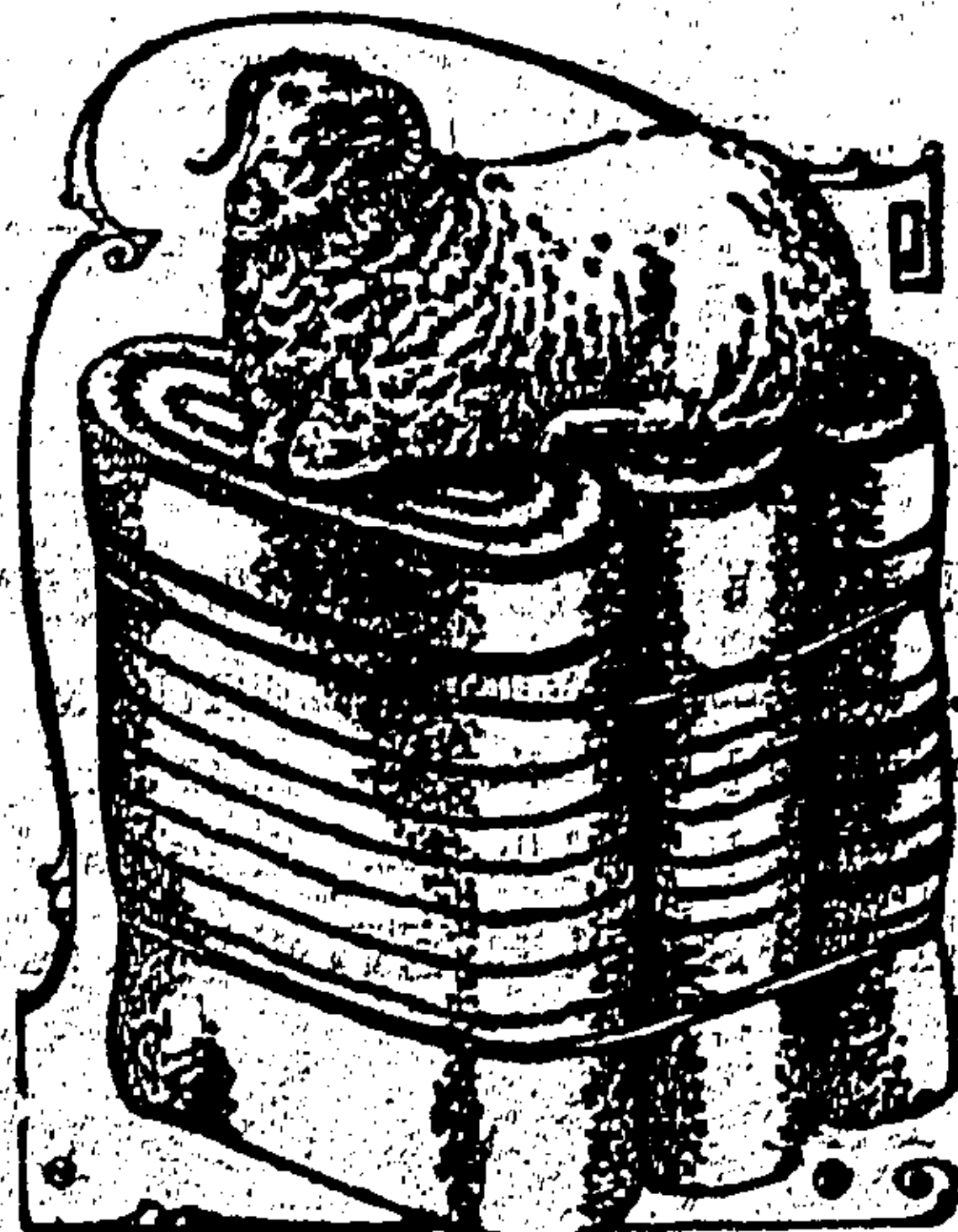
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Detective Sub-Inspector Shannon was in charge of the prosecution.

Mr. Leo d'Almada defended a Chinese who was alleged to have attempted to export \$200 on October 22nd.

Mr. d'Almada said he was in the unfortunate position of not being able to plead guilty or not guilty. Explaining the position, he said defendant had been employed at Taikoo for 18 years as foreman. On the day in question he went on board the s.s. *Tung On* to see a friend who was supposed to be going to Macao. If he had found that his friend was going to Macao, defendant had intended to return to his house, collect his luggage and go with him, in which case he would have left the money behind. He was searched and the notes were found on him. Mr. d'Almada said he would leave the case in His Worship's hands. Defendant had no purpose to take the money out of the Colony. He was aware of the regulations and had no intention of breaking them.

His Worship said that it amounted to a plea of not guilty, and discharged defendant.

In another case, Mr. M. W. Lo defended a Chinese alleged to have attempted to export \$305 on October 20th, and who pleaded not guilty.

A Chinese constable said that on the Douglas Wharf he found \$325 in the defendant's possession when he searched him. Defendant had no luggage.

Sub-Inspector Shannon said when defendant was brought to him he deducted \$305 and handed back \$20 to the defendant. In reply to what he was doing with so much money, defendant told witness he was going to see a friend who was leaving for Macao.

Mr. Lo said that he understood that the defendant had no intention of leaving the Colony. He went to the wharf to see a friend and the money he had on him was to settle a debt due to a firm in Hongkong. A *foki*, who had the account book showing the entry of the debt, was going to Swatow on the same boat and the defendant only went to obtain the book from him.

This defendant was also discharged.

\$120 ESTREATED.

Mr. Lo also defended another man who was said to have attempted to export \$120 on board the *Chien Chow*.

A Chinese constable said that when asked where he was going defendant said to Macao. Witness searched the defendant, who had a bundle of clothing with him and found the money on him.

Mr. Lo said he was instructed that defendant did not want to go to Macao, but went to the steamer to see a friend who had asked him to bring the parcel to the boat.

Defendant said that he was taking some clothing to his uncle who was on the *Chien Chow*. He had been on board with the parcel and had an intention of going to Macao himself. The money had been given to him by his mother as pocket money.

Defendant's mother corroborated this statement and said her son seldom went to Macao.

His Worship said he was satisfied that there had been an attempt to export money and estreated the \$120.

A TECHNICAL OFFENCE.

The Chinese owner of two junks was alleged to have attempted to export \$300. He was defended by Mr. D. McCallum.

Mr. McCallum informed His Worship that the defendant was not in the Colony. They had tried to get hold of him and they did not know for certain when he would be back. He asked His Worship to take the case in the man's absence as the facts were quite simple. It appeared that defendant at the time of this occurrence came from Macao with \$300 to pay a firm in Hongkong a debt. He went to see his wife in Hongkong and then went to pay the debt. His creditor was away from the premises and the *foki* there could not give him an official receipt and therefore would not take the money in his master's absence. The defendant, therefore, was going to take it back to Macao with him again. He had no intention of breaking the Ordinance or defrauding its objects. He was taking the same money out as he brought in, through no fault of his own.

Defendant's wife stated that her husband came to see her on October 17th from Macao and told her he had \$300 which he had brought with him to pay his master.

His Worship accepted the explanation that the man had no intent willfully to export money from the Colony but held that a technical offence had been committed.

Mr. McCallum argued that the defendant did not try to defeat the objects of the regulations governing the export of money and went away as he came. He submitted that there was no offence, not even a technical one.

His Worship fined the defendant \$5, and intimated that the money taken from him would be restored.

In the remainder of the cases, the majority were met by fines of \$5 or \$10, others, where the defendants gave His Worship a satisfactory explanation regarding their possession of the money, were discharged, while three or four cases were adjourned for a week.

Sub-Inspector Shannon, in reply to His Worship said that since the searches had been carried out on the wharfs and proceedings had been taken against those caught, the number found in possession of money beyond the amount allowed for exportation from the Colony had been reduced by about 70 per cent.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

WEIGHTS FOR HANDICAPS ON
NOVEMBER 7TH.

Below are the weights allotted by the official handicapper in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th races, to be run at Happy Valley on November 7th.

2nd Race, Shek-O Handicap "B"

Class—1 Mile:	
Belldorney Star	163 lbs.
Demon Boy	168 "
Two Pairs	165 "
Sarsen	165 "
Sambo	164 "
Mowgli	163 "
Grey Strak	162 "
Valiant	155 "
Nugget	150 "
May Leaf	147 "
Idworth	144 "
Uncle Tam	143 "
Silly	139 "

3rd Race, Shek-O Handicap "A"

Class—1 Mile:	
Grey Morn	169 lbs.
King of the Plains	157 "
Saligia	156 "
Receder	155 "
Chicago	154 "
Pitting Paper	153 "
Grey Knight	152 "
Left Rannoch	152 "
Rakhsay	150 "
Crump	149 "
King Emperor	144 "
Beauty Dahlia	143 "
Uncle Albert	142 "
Spotted Sand	141 "
Arabian Parrot	139 "

N.B.—If the top weight does not run, all weights will be raised 5 lbs.

7th Race, Shatin Handicap—1 1/2 Miles:

Local Option	175 lbs.
Grey Morn	169 "
King of the Plains	157 "
Saligia	156 "
Crump	155 "
Uncle Chick	154 "
Chicago	154 "
Grey Knight	153 "
Left Rannoch	152 "
Beauty Dahlia	143 "
Spotted Sand	141 "
Belldorney Star	138 "
Sarsen	135 "
Sambo	134 "
Mowgli	133 "
Uncle Alf	131 "

N.B.—If neither of the two top weights run, all weights will be raised 7 lbs.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

STURDAY'S AMENDED
FIXTURES.

The fixtures of the H.K.F.C. and Kowloon F.C. on Saturday have been postponed on account of the Scottish Company (H.V.D.C.) sports. The programme of games has, therefore, been amended as under:—

Division I.

Club Recreio v. H.M.S. Tamar, on Kowloon ground, at 4.30 p.m.
Police v. Royal Artillery, on S.C.A. ground, at 4.30 p.m.

South China v. Kowloon, on Sookun-poo ground, at 4.30 p.m.

Division II. (Sec. A.)

Club Recreio v. South China "A" on S.C.A. ground, at 4 p.m.
St. Joseph's College v. Royal Artillery, on Sookun-poo "B" ground, at 3 p.m.

Drummers v. Surrey Reserves, on Sookun-poo "A" ground, at 3 p.m.

Division II. (Sec. B.)

Drummers Reserves v. St. Joseph's Boarders, on St. Joseph's ground, at 3 p.m.

Club Recreio v. S.C.A. "C" on Kowloon ground, at 3 p.m.

Moslem "A" v. St. Joseph's Reserves, on Navy "B" ground, at 4.30 p.m.

University v. Moslem "B" on Sookun-poo "B" ground, at 4.30 p.m.

CRICKET.

"CLUB OUTCASTS" v. SURREYS.

The following will represent the "Club Outcasts" in a friendly fixture against the Surrey on Saturday, at 3 p.m.:—R. E. A. Webster (capt.), H. J. Armstrong, C. I. Bowker, G. T. Armstrong, G. Gardner, H. E. Holland, P. Jack, G. P. Lammert, R. E. H. Oliver, H. Sherman and F. N. Young.

BOWLS.

The final of the Championship Pairs and Championship Singles are to be decided on Sunday afternoon on the Civil Service Club's ground.

The match start at 2.45 and at the conclusion Mr. C. G. will present the trophies to the winners as well as the Spey Cup which was won by the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

The Championship Singles is between W. Wotherspoon (Taikoo Dock) and F. Cullen (Jockey Club R.C.). The Pairs final are the Police and Taikoo. Messrs. V. Goldenberg, V. C. Labrum, Alderman, L. Smith, P. T. Farrell and R. Lapley are the committee in charge of the proceedings on Saturday.

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**MR. TANG SHAO YI'S DENUNCIATION OF
TARIFF CONFERENCE.**

MERELY A TRICK TO GET MONEY AND POWER FOR PEKING.
LET CHINA SET HER HOUSE IN ORDER AND
SO GAIN HER RIGHTS.

REAL DOMESTIC REFORM THE ONLY WAY.

Mr. Tang Shao Yi has issued the following statement (it is an authorized translation of the Chinese text) with regard to the Tariff Conference to the Chinese people:

The problem of China's tariff was brought before the Washington Conference by the Chinese delegation. This question has not yet been settled and the Peking Government has now invited the nine nations signatory to the Washington treaties to attend a Taitin Conference in China and has set a date for this meeting.

According to the third clause of the Washington Tariff Agreement, there is to be an increase of 2 1/2 per cent on the import duty and from 2 1/2 to 5 per cent on luxuries. The Tariff Conference is called to arrive at an agreement with regard to this question. If an agreement is reached, our national revenue will be increased by approximately Tls. 19,000,000, which is not a very considerable amount. Moreover, we are bound to accept these terms for a period of years and we have no increased control over the administration. Under these conditions it appears to us that we are begging favours of the foreign nations, a condition to which no sovereign state should be required to submit.

MERELY MORE TREATIES.

Although, under the revised arrangements, we might be permitted to make still another increase after a certain length of time and that even autonomy might be granted to us after still a further lapse of time, we are nevertheless uncertain as to whether we shall obtain all the benefits which are provided for in the treaties, because in accordance with the diplomatic practice prevalent in China, new provisions always arise to prevent the fulfilment of treaty obligations. The foreign Powers take advantage of such incidents to postpone the fulfilment of the treaty promises, with the result that nothing is accomplished. The diplomatic history of China will verify the truth of this statement.

But even if the new treaties are signed, it is doubtful whether the signatory Powers will be bound to live up to the new obligations. For there are the nations with whom we are in treaty but who are not to attend this conference to provide the 2 1/2 per cent additional duty, and in accordance with the operations of the Most Favoured Nation Clause, the signatory will have all the benefits which the non-signatory nations may enjoy. What steps can we take to prevent these contingencies from arising?

PEKING'S PRIVATE AIM.

Our representatives at the Washington Conference made a serious mistake by not protesting against the present administration of the Customs and by agreeing

to the Tariff Conference. Now, the Peking Government continues this stupid policy by consummating this agreement. The purpose of the Peking Government is simply to indicate to the Powers that China is unified and to lead the people to believe that their influence with the foreign Powers is considerable. They hope to utilize this impression to check their opponents in the country so that they may continue to remain in office, so that they may negotiate huge loans to satisfy their extravagance and to enrich themselves. It is difficult to calculate how much the country will suffer from the new obligations and what an additional burden will be placed on the people. The results of this conference can bring us only a great loss; surely the country and the people have nothing to gain from it.

WHAT CHINA MUST FIRST DO.

Our policy should be to demand the right to fix our own tariff rate, adjusted to our own needs. There is no need for a Conference, for the very meeting of such a conference is proof of the lack of recognition of our right to tariff autonomy. We ought not to beg the Foreign Powers to grant us tariff autonomy; this should be inherent in our sovereignty. When the time comes that we have created conditions suitable to the achievement of this end, the Powers will not be able to deny us our rights. Before this can be accomplished, we must have a legal government which commands the respect of the people. Before we can achieve tariff autonomy, the Government will have to budgetize its expenditures, will have to reconstruct the army, improve communications, reorganize the judicial system, develop popular education, and industry, adjust foreign and domestic loans, abolish liquor and reform the currency. These problems directly affect the welfare of the people and no government should neglect them. The people should reflect upon the past and reach some decision as to the future.

ADDITIONAL INEQUALITY.

Now the whole nation is demanding the abolition of unequal treaties, but if the Conference is held, it can only mean that we shall suffer from additional inequality. The Government is attempting to mislead us, but are we citizens to remain silent? On the eve of this Conference, we should carefully into the advantages and disadvantages of this meeting. At this time when we are living under an iniquitous government, we must be vigilant of its actions; we must prevent it from bringing further disasters upon the country internally; we must prevent it from making further sacrifices of the sovereignty of the nation externally. Whether the country continues to exist or vanishes goes with you. Fellow-countrymen! Take notice.

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PROGRAMME OF SATURDAY'S
SPORTS.

The following is the programme of the first annual inter-club sports for the Kuo Cheung Cup, kindly presented by Mr. R. Shewan, which will be held on Saturday, on the H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley:

2.30 p.m.	Final, 100 yards.
2.45 p.m.	High Jump.
3.00 p.m.	Long Jump.
3.15 p.m.	Final, 220 yards.
3.40 p.m.	120 yards hurdles.
4.00 p.m.	Putting the Shot.
4.15 p.m.	440 yards.
4.30 p.m.	Tug of War.
4.45 p.m.	440 yards, open.
4.55 p.m.	880 yards.
5.05 p.m.	Band race.
5.15 p.m.	Relay race.

Among those who have contributed to the Sports prize fund are:—Major G. D. B. Black, V.D., Captain J. B. Ross, Messrs. J. Reid, G. M. Shaw, A. S. MacKichan, A. L. Shields, A. H. Ferguson.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The weather report issued by the Hongkong Observatory, at 5 o'clock yesterday, stated: "Pressure has increased slightly from the Bonin Islands to Guam. It has decreased moderately at Yap and slightly at the majority of other reporting stations. The anticyclone now covers S.V. Japan and has weakened. At 2 p.m. this afternoon the depression or typhoon was about 100 miles N.N.E. of Yap, moving W. or W.N.W. Fresh to moderate N.E. wind will continue in the Formosa Channel and over the Northern China Sea. Weather fine."

The American Consulate-General received the following typhoon warning from the Manila Observatory last evening:—

"Typhoon in about 130 deg. Longitude E. 11 deg. Latitude N. moving W.N.W."

Lt. A. Macgown, 2/Lieut. H. E. D. Adams, K. S. Morrison, A. K. Mackenzie and Comp. Sergeant Major P. J. Purves.

THE SILENT SERVICE. J.E. THE GOVERNOR'S ATTITUDE TO CRITICISM.

[SPECIALLY CONTRIBUTED BY AN OLD
RESIDENT.]

Sir Reginald Stubbs has completed his service as Governor of this Colony. He leaves us with many expressions of goodwill. He has had his difficulties and his disappointments, like the rest of us, during the last few months, but in some ways he has been fortunate. He arrived in Hongkong when the finances of the Colony were in a flourishing condition and when there was every reason to anticipate a long period of satisfactory revenues for the public exchequer. He had the reputation of a man who understood finance. It was thought that under his supervision there would be no squandering of the public funds. His close friendship with the late Mr. A. G. Stephen may have been due to the attraction of minds that think alike.

As far as I can remember he is the first Governor who has given his views in favour of raising loans for public works. He tried hard to settle the long-standing question of the military lands. If the bargain that was agreed upon some months ago was not as favourable to the residents of Hongkong as we expected, it was not due to any slackness on the part of Sir Reginald Stubbs. We can only regret that recent circumstances caused the scheme to be shelved.

Through his career here, the representative of His Britannic Majesty has frequently announced his personal dislike for making speeches. It is, however, one of "the jobs of work" attached to the office. Most of us have to perform some duties in connection with our work in which we do not take a delight. It is, for example, so much easier for any of us to give fulsome flattery than to submit honest criticism that, if we always did just what we liked best, we should allow our eyes to become blinded to the evils that need redress. For a time we might have a very happy time, but in the end all this taking of the line of least resistance means stagnation and inefficiency. We admit that it is only human nature to be sensitive to criticism, especially if the criticism is deserved and is made public.

I yield to none in praise of the ability of Sir Reginald Stubbs, but he is human enough to have his likes and dislikes. He recently explained to his colleagues in the Civil Service that he thought civil servants were subjected to unfair criticism. When that happens there is usually some opportunity for an official reply. It is the penalty which public servants must pay for their particular "job"; it is perhaps a drawback to the work, but there are compensations such as security of tenure, the honours list, pensions, etc. All public men have to face the full glare of the spot light. If they stand forth prominently they are bound to excite public interest, "where the limelight is brightest, there fall the darkest shadows." In actual fact the Cadet Service, by the nature of the work carried out, does not come in for so much criticism as, let us say, the P.W.D. There is a little good natured flippancy about a fine imposed by a magistrate, but when a retaining wall collapses or a bridge fails there is a first class inquiry with all the publicity and even possible penalties.

I, for one, therefore, am not willing to take very seriously the words of Sir Reginald Stubbs on the subject of "the Silent Service." He will find in Jamaica, as in Hongkong, that all his words and actions are likely to be watched carefully. As far as we can gather the people in Jamaica are far less likely to be silent than the residents of Hongkong. Recent Governors there have had difficulties such as have been unknown in this Colony. On at least one occasion all of the members of the Legislative Council absented themselves as a public protest against some action of H.E. the Governor then in office. The little gibe about anonymous writers is just beating a dead horse. It is an accepted practice of British journalism that much of it is anonymous. In a small community it is only natural that the news and fresh ideas should be collected from those who have no desire to be cross-examined in public places by their friends about matters which they discuss in newspapers. Then, again, there is always the danger of persecution. It is only fair that anyone who has a real grievance should be able to air it without the risk of losing his livelihood.

We have nothing but praise for the civil service collectively, but we do not believe that all of the wisdom of the Colony is concentrated in that service. We have, moreover, an automatic form of government which would be intolerable if it were not subject to criticism. Sir Reginald Stubbs, who is still a comparatively young man, has many opportunities before him to do useful work in the British Empire. If he does good work he will reap his reward, but whilst engaged upon it he will have no necessity to face public criticism, and, if he is wise, he will change his attitude towards it.

CHAN KWING MING'S MANIFESTO. THE MILITARY SITUATION. DAMAGE OF OVER \$5,000,000 BY FIRE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

General Chan Kwing Ming, former Governor-General of Kwangtung by appointment of the Central Government at Peking, has issued a manifesto concerning Chiang Kai Shek, his former Chief of Staff in the Cantonese Army but now Chief of the Red Army of the Kuomintang. He denounces Chiang for accepting Bolshevism, and attempting to introduce it into Kwangtung and calls upon all people in Kwangtung and China to arise and fight against the false doctrine from Russia. The feature of the manifesto is that General Chan Kwing Ming is extending his hand to welcome all those willing to join him in his anti-Red movement, including those who may be now under the Red standard but are willing to withdraw from the Kuomintang Army.

The anti-Reds have not accomplished a great deal on the Eastern front during the past few days, but reports from the West River districts suggest that the movements there will demand the attention of the Red Army and will weaken the position of the Reds in the East.

Both the Reds and the anti-Reds are now giving a great deal of attention to Kongmoon and Shuihing, which, up to October 27th, according to various reports to hand, were still in the hands of the Kuomintang. Kaukung, a West River port, was recaptured by Reds a few days ago, and in the fighting, more than 200 houses and shops, mostly trading in silk were burned down, involving a loss of upwards of \$5,000,000.

The Reds are anxious to secure more aeroplanes but are finding it very difficult to get them. In the attack on Wai-chow, they tried to use the two aeroplanes they have, but the machines were damaged before they could take part in the operations.

THE KWANGTUNG UNIVERSITY. TO BE THE CENTRE OF BOLSHEVIST PROPAGANDA.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Kwangtung University in Canton is to be renamed "Chung Shan," or Dr. Sun Yat-Sen University, and therefore, will have the same name as the proposed institution in Moscow which the Soviet Government will establish exclusively for the welcome and the education of Chinese youths. Chau Lu, the president of the University since 1923, who was a close friend of Wu Hon Man, the leader of the "elders clique" of the Kuomintang, will, it is said, be dismissed from his office as he is not regarded enough to please the Russians, who are to finance the Canton as well as the Moscow institution for the training of Bolshevist propagandists for China. The Kwangtung University was organized out of the High Normal School, the Law School, and the Agricultural College of the Canton Government two years ago, and many of the former students of these institutions are against these proposed changes in the status of their old schools. A number of the present students are also opposing further changes in the University.

One of the conditions imposed by the Russians before they would make themselves responsible for the finances of the University, was the compulsory study of military science and tactics. The first batch of 15 students to be sent by the Kuomintang from Canton to Moscow will be chosen by the faculty of this University on behalf of the Reds.

"HONAM" A BANNED SHIP. NO PASSENGERS TO LAND AT CANTON.

SHOTS AT SAMPAHS.

It was stated in the Daily Press yesterday that the pickets in Canton Harbour intended to put further obstacles in the way of passengers by steamers plying between Hongkong and Canton. When the Honam returned to Hongkong, enquiries were made by a Daily Press reporter, in order to find out what exactly was the position.

The Honam left for Canton on Monday morning, and carried between 80 and 100 passengers. When the vessel reached Canton the European passengers were landed on the European passengers, but strike pickets all right at Shamoen, but strike pickets prevented sampans from taking any of the Chinese passengers ashore. Two or three sampans managed to slip through the cordon of pickets, and several Chinese passengers boarded these. Half way between the Honam and the shore the strikers fired several shots at the sampans. Apparently no one was hit, these few passengers who had taken the risk being landed safely. The majority of the passengers on the Honam, however, returned to Hongkong on the vessel yesterday.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[BEFORE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE,
MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ.]

ROBBERY AT LONELY FARM.

A case of armed robbery, which had been adjourned last week owing to the illness of one of the prisoners, came before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, the Acting Chief Justice, yesterday.

Mr. Whyte-Smith prosecuted for the Crown.

Chan Sau, a farmer of Lantau, said his farm was situated in a lonely place, there being no other houses in sight. His *fokis* lived next door. Early in the morning of August 21st, seven robbers came into the house, two being armed with pistols, two with spears and the others with knives. Two of them also had electric torches, but soon after they had entered, they lit his kerosene lamp. He was bound with wire and the robbers began to ransack the place. Some of the robbers went next door and brought in one of the *fokis* and his wife. They camped with a bundle of clothing and fastened the door on the outside with wire. When he managed to free himself, he and the *fokis* forced open the door and found that a bullock and calf which had been tied to a tree just outside the house had disappeared. A number of ducks and chickens were also missing. He went to the shore and found that one of the oars was missing from his boat. Out at sea he saw the robbers on board. He hurried to the police and got a boat and made for Bai Sha. He then telephoned for the police. He then went to Chun Wan Police Station himself. Later, accompanied by inspectors, Cashman and Andrews he visited the slaughter house at Lan Tau Kok and found his bullock and his calf. Witnesses said that he recognised only five of the robbers.

His *fokis* gave corroborative evidence and stated that he recognised three of the robbers.

A Chinese detective gave evidence to the effect that the first prisoner led him to a house in Lai Chi Kok Road, where the other three robbers were arrested.

Prisoner alleged that he would be freed if he showed him where the robbers were.

The first prisoner denied having been implicated in the robbery, whilst the three others said that he was the ringleader and had asked them to go with him if they wished to make a fortune.

All four prisoners were found guilty and each sentenced to seven years with hard labour.

ABSENT JURYMAN FINED.

Mr. C. P. James, of the Home Mail Steamship Co., failed to appear when his name was called for the jury at the Criminal Sessions yesterday morning. He put in an appearance in the afternoon and told His Honour Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, the Acting Chief Justice, that he had forgotten that he had been summoned to attend.

A fine of \$5 was imposed.

SUMMARY COURT.

FIRM SUED FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT.

At the Summary Court yesterday, before Mr. Justice Wood, Messrs. Walla & Co., were plaintiffs in an action against Messrs. Hutchinson & Co. (China Building) for breach of contract.

Mr. Turner (Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Masters) were for plaintiffs, and Mr. W. B. Hind for defendants.

It was stated that Messrs. Hutchinson had contracted to supply the plaintiffs with 240 packages of smoked garlic. One hundred only had been delivered, and as the plaintiffs had not been supplied, they had to pay compensation.

The claim was for \$1,000, but His Lordship gave judgment for \$750 and costs.

UNCENSORED TELEGRAM.

CHINESE NEWSPAPER PROPRIETOR FINED.

At the Central Magistracy, before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry yesterday, Wong Yiny Yuen, printer and publisher of the vernacular journal *Yat Kiu Yat Po*, was charged with publishing a telegram announcing a military victory for Chiang Kai Shek, the "Red" military commander, without its having been submitted to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, who is the censor for the local Chinese Press.

Mr. D. W. Trautman, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, prosecuted, and Mr. M. K. Lo defended.

Mr. Trautman submitted that it was not due to inadvertence, but it was in the nature of a journalistic scoop. When the defendant was asked to produce the original telegram which should have borne the chop of the Censor, he was unable to do so.

Mr. Lo, who pleaded guilty for his client, said it was due to inadvertence. It was a custom with newspapers to set up the type whilst the matter was being sent to the authorities. The telegram had been inadvertently allowed to appear before it had actually been returned by the Censor. The telegram was in fact true, since it was published in the English newspapers next morning. Mr. Lo agreed that owing to the present trouble, a censorship was inevitable, but he could not help but point out that tremendous inconvenience was being caused to Chinese newspapers, and some slips of this nature would occur.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

MR. VAN ANDEL IN COURT.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO EXPORT MONEY.

DEFENDANT'S EXPLANATION ACCEPTED.

As will be found reported elsewhere, a number of cases of alleged attempts to export money from the Colony came before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

At the same Court, Mr. Alex. W. Van Andel, Manager of the Holland China Trading Company, Hongkong, appeared to answer a charge that he had attempted to export \$63 from the Colony.

Mr. Van Andel explained to His Worship that as he was entering the wharf to go on the Canton steamer for the purpose of visiting Shamoen, he saw the Chinese being searched. Recollecting the regulations regarding the exportation of money from the Colony, he approached the Police Inspector in charge and asked how much he could take with him. He told the Inspector he had about \$80 or \$90 on him and he was told he could not take that much. He handed \$63 to the Inspector and proceeded to Shamoen with the remaining \$20. If he had not had an office at Shamoen he would not have had sufficient money to carry him through as he had his food to pay for on the steamer and hotel expenses at Shamoen. He thought it would be all right taking the money to Shamoen as local currency was legal tender there.

His Worship: The proper procedure would have been for you to have got a permit from the Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Van Andel: I have learnt that since.

His Worship accepted defendant's explanation, but remarked that he had technically broken the law. In discharging Mr. Van Andel, His Worship mentioned that his money would be restored to him, and advised him to obtain a permit when he left the Colony next time.

MR. DOWLEY THANKED.

BRINGS CHINESE MOTOR DRIVER TO BOOK.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, a Chinese motor-car driver was fined \$25 for driving in a dangerous manner in Lee House Street on September 29th.

After imposing the fine, His Worship thanked Mr. W. A. Dowley for his action in reporting the defendant to the Traffic Department.

Chief Inspector W. Kent also associated himself with His Worship's remarks and thanked Mr. Dowley for his assistance to the police in reporting this case.

Mr. Dowley in evidence estimated that the defendant was driving the car at about 20 miles an hour and said that the car was travelling from the direction of King Edward Hotel towards the Star Ferry. He was in a ricksha at the time and if it had not been for the promptitude of the ricksha sootie in averting sharply the car would have collided with the ricksha and there would have been a serious accident.

OPIMUM HAUL.

SEIZURE MADE ON JAPANESE VESSEL.

On Monday a party of Revenue Officers carried out a search on the s.s. *Amakusa Maru*, which had arrived in port from Haiphong and Hoihow. In a boatswain's store-room, packed in body girdles ready for bringing ashore, 284 taels of raw opium, valued at about \$800, were discovered.

A boatswain was arrested and yesterday appeared before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry at the Central Magistracy charged with illicit possession of the drug. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$5,000, or five months' imprisonment in default.

In the course of another search of the vessel, the Revenue Officers seized a further 222 taels of raw opium, this being discovered secreted in a Hiebolt locker. No arrest was made in connection with this find.

The total value of the two seizures is about \$1,300.

POLICEMAN SHOT.

DURING RAID IN NEW TERRITORIES.

A party of police and detectives from Tai-po were engaged in carrying out a raid, presumably for arms, in a village near Tai-po in the New Territories about 2.30 yesterday morning, when one of the Chinese constables was shot.

A number of houses had already been searched before the shooting occurred. Then a man took cover behind a woman and fired a revolver at the Chinese constable, the bullet entering the man's right side.

The wounded man was removed to the Government Civil Hospital in a very critical condition.

The man who fired the shot and other occupants of the house were arrested.

MULES BOLT.

GARDEN ROAD INCIDENT.

While a pair of mules, hitched to a wagon, were being driven by Sapper Goodson, R.E., in Garden Road on Monday, they took fright at a passing car and bolted. They careered down the hill, and were checked only when the wagon struck a tree near the Helena May Institute.

A Chinese woman who had been standing near the tree was knocked down, but her injuries were slight.

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IN Celebration of the BIRTHDAY of HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN, the CONSUL GENERAL will Receive Members of the Foreign Community at the Hongkong Hotel, on SATURDAY, the 31st of OCTOBER, between 9.30 to 10.30 a.m. Hongkong, 28th October, 1925. [1818]

BY ORDER OF THE FIRST MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate at VICTORIA in the Colony of HONGKONG and known as THE REMAINING PORTION of MARY'S LANE No. 135 and 137, together with the Premises thereon known as No. 394, Des Voeux Road West and Nos. 397, 397A, 397B, 397C and 397D, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST (part of which premises are used and known as the 'TAI PING THEATRE').

IN ONE LOT BY MESSRS. LAMBERT BROTHERS, Auctioneers.

THEIR SALE-ROOM, No. 5, DUNDRELL STREET, MONDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1925, at 3 O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON.

For further Particulars, and Conditions Sale, Apply to—

MESSRS. WOO & NASH, Mortgagee's Solicitors, Bank of China Building.

OR TO— MESSRS. LAMBERT BROTHERS, The Auctioneers.

No. 5, DUNDRELL STREET, Hongkong, 27th October, 1925. [2517]

"TREVESA" TROPHY.

THE FOURTH BI-ANNUAL RACE for the "TREVESA" TROPHY will take place THIS AFTERNOON, Starting at 4 P.M. at CHANNEI ROCK.

Visitors are cordially invited and a Launch will leave QUEEN'S PIKE at 3 P.M. for the Use of Anyone wishing to follow the Race.

FRANK OLIVER, Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1925. [2807]

CHEFOO HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION.

TENDERS INVITED FOR SUPPLYING RAILWAY TRUCK WHEELS AND AXLES.

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R. C. L. D'ANJOU, Treasurer, CHEFOO HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION. [2512]

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that SEALED TENDERS in Triplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF STORES," will be Received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of MONDAY, the 31st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1925, for the Supply and Delivery of the following Stores required by GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS during the year 1926—

Ironmongery, Household and Sanitary Utensils, Brushes, Tools, Lamps, etc.

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Each of the above is a Separate and Distinct Tender. Tenderers may quote for any one or more or all of the above Lists, and any one or more of all may be accepted or rejected in whole or in part by the Government.

Each Tenderer must produce with Each Tender a Receipt that he has deposited in the Colonial Secretary's Office a Pledge of the bona fides of his Tender, which Sum shall be forfeited to the Crown should the Tenderer refuse or fail to carry out to the satisfaction of the Government, the whole or any portion of the respective Tender or Tenders which may be accepted. The Pledge will be returned to any Tenderer whose Tender is not accepted.

For Forms of Tender and further Particulars apply This Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

HAROLD T. ORBASY, Director of Public Works, 23rd October, 1925. [2808]

INTIMATIONS

GETZ BROS. & CO. (OF THE ORIENT), LTD.

TAKE NOTICE that as From the Date hereof Mr. J. EDWARD ATHERLEY has CEASED to be Employed as MANAGER of This Firm and his Power of Attorney has BEEN REVOKED. MR. L. PARK-HURST has as From TO-DAY BEEN Appointed MANAGER in his stead.

CHARLES J. KELLY, For Getz Bros. & Co. (of the Orient), Ltd.

Dated 22nd October, 1925. [2800]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS will be held on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 1925, at 5.30 P.M., in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex.

By Order, H. GREENWOOD, Acting Secretary. [2783]

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON TAXICAB CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON TAXICAB CO., LTD. will be held at the Office of the Company, 33 and 35, Des Voeux Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 30th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1925, at 4 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Account for the Year ended 30th APRIL, 1925, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1925, until FRIDAY, the 30th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, A. H. ROWE, Managing Director.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1925. [2784]

S. J. DAVID AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

(In Voluntary Liquidation.)

NOTICE.

A MEETING of the CREDITORS of the Company will be held on THURSDAY, the 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1925, at the Offices of S. J. DAVID COMPANY, LIMITED, FAIRBANKS BUILDING, VICTORIA, in the Colony of Hongkong, at 11 O'CLOCK in the Forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of Section 191 of the Companies Ordinance, 1911.

At This Meeting the Creditors will be asked to determine whether an Application shall be made to the Court for the appointment of any Person or Persons as Liquidator or Liquidators in the place of or jointly with us, the Liquidators appointed by the Company or for the appointment of a Committee of Inspection.

Dated the 24th day of October, 1925.

EDWARD J. LLOYD, FRANK AUSTIN, Liquidators.

S. J. DAVID AND COMPANY, LIMITED. [2815]

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Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer, No. 4, DUNDRELL STREET, Hongkong, Dated the 23rd October, 1925. [2786]

INTIMATIONS

TO BE LET.

BUNGALOW at CHEUNG CHAU for 6 Months from 1st NOVEMBER. For Particulars and Orders to View, Apply to—

DEACONS, Solicitors, 1, Des Voeux Road Central. [2789]

FOR SALE BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate at YAUMATI in the DEPARTMENT of KOWLOON and Colony of HONGKONG and known as

SECTION J of KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 1087, Together with the Premises thereon known as No. 479, NATHAN ROAD, YAUMATI.

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THE AUCTIONEERING & BROKERING CO., LTD., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 18th October, 1925. [2786]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate at SHAMSHUIPO in the Colony of Hongkong and registered at the LAND OFFICE as Section B of New Kowloon INLAND LOT No. 28, Together with the Building thereon now known as No. 38, LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

AND THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate at SHAMSHUIPO aforesaid and registered at the LAND OFFICE as Section D of New Kowloon INLAND LOT No. 326, Together with the Buildings thereon now known as Nos. 133 and 135, KI LUNG STREET.

IN TWO LOTS BY Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer, No. 4, DUNDRELL STREET, HONGKONG.

ON THURSDAY, THE 29th DAY OF OCT., 1925, AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer, No. 4, DUNDRELL STREET, Hongkong, Dated the 16th October, 1925. [2786]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate at YAUMATI in the Colony of Hongkong and registered at the LAND OFFICE as Section B of New Kowloon INLAND LOT No. 1443, Together with Two Buildings thereon in course of Construction at NATHAN ROAD.

AND THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate at MONGKOKTSUI in the Colony of Hongkong and registered at the LAND OFFICE as Section B of New Kowloon INLAND LOT No. 184, Together with Eight Buildings thereon now known as Nos. 600 to 614, SHANGHAI STREET (Even Numbers).

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ON FRIDAY, THE 30th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1925, AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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BIRTH.

CAMERON—On October 19th, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. CAMERON, a daughter.

KNOX—On October 3rd, at the British Consulate General, Shanghai, by J. F. BRENNAN, Esq., and afterwards at Holy Trinity Cathedral by the Very Rev. Dean Synnott, MINNIE, daughter of Mrs. ANN KNOX and the late WILLIAM KNOX of Paisley, to WILLIAM ROBERTSON, son of Mrs. ISABELLA B. COXHEAD and the late GEORGE HENRY COXHEAD, of Paisley.

ROBERTSON—On October 19th, at H.M. Consulate-General, Shanghai, and later at Holy Trinity Cathedral, HENRY ROBERTSON, of Bolton, to DOROTHY FRASER, of Bolton, England.

DEATH.

REMEDIOS—On October 5th, 1925, at Waiwade's Hospital, Shanghai, GEMMA M. DOS REMEDIOS, beloved wife of M. F. DOS REMEDIOS, aged 23 years.

Hongkong Office: 14, Charter Road. London Office: 121, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 28TH, 1925.

THE SILENT SERVICE.

It is extraordinary that H.E. THE GOVERNOR should claim to the credit of the administration of a Crown Colony that it need not be criticised and was always right. That may be the attitude of the Government but there is nothing, in our opinion, particularly creditable or praiseworthy about it, and we are inclined to think that the majority of residents, and particularly those who still persist in spite of every discouragement, in taking some interest in public affairs, will agree with us.

On the occasion of the remarks to which reference is now made, His Excellency, as our readers are aware, was paying a deserved tribute to the Civil Service, to be precise he will admit that in Hongkong the Civil Service is the Government. At Home, of course, the position is entirely different. There the Civil Service may quite properly pride itself upon being a Silent Service. There is no reason why it should make its

opinions known. It has not to justify its actions, but simply to do as it is told. There is no doubt it is a highly proficient service but it does not come into touch with the public and is not officially responsible for decisions on questions of policy. Here the Legislative Council, composed for the most part of members of the Civil Service, takes the place of Parliament, with one Party always in Power. The Executive Council corresponds in some measure to the Cabinet and by stretching the analogy a little further we may liken the heads of the Government Departments to Cabinet Ministers. That these Officers should pursue their own way "silently" and without paying the slightest regard to criticism seems to us, to suggest, a disregard for public opinion that is reprehensible rather than creditable. If it had been suggested that there is no public opinion of which it is worth while taking notice we might have been inclined to agree. But healthy public opinion is not stimulated either by an extremely benevolent or by an autocratic form of Government the heads of which are perfectly satisfied that they know what is best for us and are determined, if necessary, to save us from ourselves. Public opinion languishes when it finds that it is consistently ignored and can accomplish nothing and its place is taken by a policy of laissez faire. We should have thought the Governor would have deplored the growth of such a spirit rather than have lauded the conditions which give rise to it. We have not noticed that the Civil Service of this Colony has been selected as the subject of much adverse comment. Viewing the position broadly we should consider it much truer to say that on the part of the general body of the public there is, unfortunately, the greatest indifference to anything the Government may or may not do. The people have come to regard Government actions as something with which they are not particularly concerned and they take little interest in them.

The British communities in the Far East are usually very docile and well behaved. We hate trouble, and the ideal at which most of us aim is a quiet, undisturbed and comfortable existence. His Excellency has only had experience of Far Eastern Colonies—Ceylon and Hongkong. We do not wish him a difficult period of office in Jamaica, but we certainly think it would be to his advantage as an administrator if he encountered some virile opposition. It might be a good thing, for example, if there was a strong labour party in Jamaica. It would be interesting to hear him propound his principles of Government for their benefit and probably still more interesting to hear their remarks regarding a Government Service that "never replied and was always silent." It appears to us that for a successful Governor, particularly in these days, something more is required than a classical education and a facility for inditing pungent official minutes. A man must mix freely with his fellows and be tolerant of honest opinion from whatever quarter it may come.

Mischa Levitzki, who performed so brilliantly in Hongkong, was compelled to cancel his recital in Shanghai owing to a severe attack of malaria fever.

A Musical will be given at the Helena may Institute on Thursday, 10th November, at 5.30 p.m. Programme arranged by Mrs. Collett. Admission 50 cents. Adv.

Mr. Fernando Bridat, the newly-appointed Cuban Consul to Hongkong, is due to arrive here by a.s. *President Lincoln* on October 28th, accompanied by his family.

Remembering that Kowloon motorists seemed to think they could do as they pleased, Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday fined Mr. R. N. de La Sala \$10 for not having a rear number plate on his motor cycle.

With regard to the notification in yesterday's paper of the liquidation of Messrs. S. J. David & Co., Ltd., we are given to understand that this is a voluntary liquidation and merely a preliminary to a scheme of reconstruction.

The handsome blackwood box with phosphor-bronze clasps which contained the farewell address to Sir R. E. Stubbs presented on behalf of the Civil Service, was the work of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dockyard and not of the Naval Yard as reported.

Traffic on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway has been resumed, but not many through passengers are travelling.

There was a good attendance last night at the Seamen's Institute, where another successful dance arranged by the Social Committee of H.M.S. *Herby* was held. Dance music was dispensed by the jazz band of the ship and dancing continued from 8.30 to midnight.

Among the passengers on the P. & O. s.s. *Sicilia* en route for London were Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Anderson, from Shanghai; Mr. W. Ford, from Shanghai; and Miss L. K. Tanner, from Yokohama. Mrs. P. M. Watson, from Shanghai, was a passenger for Bombay.

The Shanghai Races begin on November 2nd and continue to the 4th with an extra meeting on the 7th. The *Empress of Canada*, sailing from here on October 30th, arrives in Shanghai on November 1st, allowing race enthusiasts an opportunity to get settled before the Races open.

Among the passengers who arrived in Hongkong by the M.M. s.s. *Italgata*, were Mr. Allan Cameron, Oriental Manager of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company, and some members of the Italian Opera Company. Among the passengers, passing through, were Mr. E. Signat, general agent of the Messageries Maritimes for the Far East.

According to police reports from Cheung Chow yesterday, a grass-cutter at P. S. village, on Lan Tao Island, was asleep in his house on Monday afternoon when he was suddenly attacked by a villager armed with a chopper. The grass-cutter was seriously wounded, but it is not thought that his condition is critical. After committing the assault, the assailant decamped and disappeared.

A dozen spoons have been presented to the Engineer Company of the H.V. 11, for a Spoon Shoot on the Miniature Range. Only members who have shot Part II. are eligible for the Spoon Shoot, but there will be an optional sweep open to all members. Handicaps will be arranged on Part II. scores and the winner of a spoon incurs a handicap in following shoots. The competition opens to-morrow at 3.30 p.m.

The return showing the number of cases of notifiable diseases which occurred in the Colony for the week ended October 25th, includes three cases of diphtheria, (one English, one American and one Chinese), three cases of enteric fever (all Chinese) and one case of cerebro-spinal fever. The last named proved fatal. For the 24 hours ended on October 25th there was one Chinese case of enteric fever, and one Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever.

A Chinese woman living at Shauiwan has made a report to the police that she has noticed a report from her home to the New Territories last Friday evening and that she had been robbed by a man who had her father had suddenly dropped dead at Au Tau (New Territories) and asked her to accompany him back there to make arrangements for the funeral. She complied with his request and together they proceeded by train to Fanling. From there they went to Ta Shek Wu in the Au Tau district, and her companion then suddenly caught hold of her and searched all the money she had he calmly told her to go home, and walked off in another direction himself.

THE GOVERNOR'S DEPARTURE.

OFFICIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The following are the arrangements which have been made with regard to the departure of H.E. Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., on Saturday.

His Excellency will arrive at 11.15 a.m. at Queen's Pier where a Guard of Honour will be drawn up.

Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, the Judges, members of the Civil Service, the Consular Body, representatives of the Navy and Army, and the British, Foreign and Chinese Communities and their ladies will be admitted to the pier at 11.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform, or morning dress. His Excellency will embark on the steam launch *Victoria* at 11.30 and proceed to the P. & O. s.s. *Kilua*.

A salute of 17 guns will be fired as the *Kilua* leaves the harbour.

TARIFF CONFERENCE.

INAUSPICIOUS COMMENCEMENT.

THIRTY POLICE INJURED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Peking, October 26th.

Tuan Chi Jui, the Chief Executive, formally opened the Tariff Conference this morning.

Two thousand students demanded admission to the Conference and, upon being refused, attacked the police with sticks and stones.

Over thirty police were injured and taken to hospital. Some of the students were also injured and others were arrested. Order has now been restored.

CHINESE PROPOSALS OUTLINED.

The Tariff Conference opened this morning in the picturesque and historic Winter Palace. Tuan Chi Jui's address of welcome to the delegates consisted chiefly of a demand for tariff autonomy.

The Foreign Minister, Shen Jui Lin, was elected Chairman of the Conference and delivered an address on the same theme. He then called on Dr. C. T. Wang, who outlined the Chinese proposals as follows:

- 1.—The Powers to declare to respect autonomy and agree to remove all existing tariff restrictions.
 - 2.—China agrees to abolish *likin* and introduce a national tariff not later than January 1st, 1929.
 - 3.—Previous to the enforcement of the national tariff a surtax shall be levied of five per cent. on ordinary goods, 30 per cent. on wine and tobacco and 20 per cent. on luxuries.
- The collection of the above surtaxes shall begin three months from the date of signature.

JAPAN'S SUGGESTIONS.

The delegates of the eight Washington signatory Powers and also of Spain and Scandinavian countries replied, mostly in a complimentary vein, hoping that the Conference would result in much Sino-Foreign benefit.

THE BRITISH VIEW.

Sir Ronald Maclean stated that the British delegation was prepared to discuss Tariff autonomy either at this conference, or, if that cannot be arranged, at some later date. He was convinced that Anglo-Chinese interests were essentially the same.

OPEN DIPLOMACY.

The Japanese delegate, Baron Hioki, said that they were determined to adhere to the principle of open diplomacy, of which his present speech was an example. He reminded them that it took Japan 34 years to obtain autonomy, and China's goal can only be reached by successive stages, and it presupposes a strong and unified Government and the removal of restrictions impeding Sino-foreign trade. If China imposes a surtax higher than 2½ per cent., there should be a partial abolition of *likin* at the same time. Baron Hioki proposed a graduated tariff with an average rate of not more than 12½ per cent. as an alternative to Dr. Wang's proposals.

The Conference adjourned till tomorrow.

Following the speeches by the delegates, Hawk Ling Yen was appointed Secretary General of the Conference; whilst the heads of the foreign delegations and Dr. C. T. Wang, representing China, were appointed as a committee on programme and procedure.

WU PEI FU'S ATTITUDE.

Hankow, October 27th.

Another long telegram has been sent out to-day by Wu Pei Fu. He concentrates upon a denunciation of Chang Tso Lin but does not criticise Tuan Chi Jui, although he requests a stoppage of the Tariff Conference on the ground that the extra funds will only benefit Chang Tso Lin.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

EXPLORING BY AIR.

THREE BRITISH MACHINES LEAVE HELWAN.

CAIRO, October 27th.

Squadron Leader Coningham and Flight-Lieutenants Rowley and Baggs started from Helwan at 7 a.m. to-day on three D.H.9a machines on a flight to Nigeria and back.

General Haking and others wished them Godspeed.

The first halt will be Halfa; then Khartoum, Obeid and Fasher. After this, they will cross unexplored French Equatorial Africa.

THE FRENCH CABINET.

POLITICAL CIRCLES AFFIRM DECISION TO RESIGN.

PARIS, October 27th.

Political circles affirm that the Cabinet, this morning, decided to resign collectively.

It is rumoured in the lobbies that M. Painlevé has asked M. Herriot to enter the Ministry in the event of its reconstitution. It is understood that M. Herriot has reserved his answer.

BAD NEWS FROM SYRIA.

DRUSES SAID TO HAVE BROKEN FAITH WITH FRENCH.

PARIS, October 27th.

Le Matin states that latest telegrams from Syria are most disquieting. Damascus, where order was far from re-established, has been abandoned. The population of Druses, who had submitted, have now broken faith with the French.

The situation is not critical, but sufficiently serious to demand urgent measures on the part of Government.

ILLNESS OF TROTSKY.

RIGA, October 27th.

M. Trotsky has left for Sukhova, in the Caucasus, where he will undergo a cure for throat trouble.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE LOCARNO PACT.

SPLIT IN GERMAN NATIONAL PARTY.

BERLIN, October 26th.

Three of the German Nationalist Ministers withdrew from the Cabinet at to-day's meeting. The remainder discussed the situation.

LATEST CABLES.

CHANGE OF MIND.

LATER.

The Cabinet has decided to remain in office and submit the Bill relating to the Locarno treaties before December. The portfolios vacated through the resignation of the Nationalist Ministers from the Cabinet have been taken over by other Cabinet Ministers.

EARLIER CABLES.

BERLIN MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

SUCCESS OF THE SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS.

BERLIN, October 26th.

The Berlin Municipal Council elections in which 1,750,000 or sixty per cent. of the electorate voted, resulted in a victory for the Socialists and Communists, who together polled nearly a million votes against three quarters of a million for other parties.

The Council has hitherto had a small bourgeois majority comprising all parties except the Socialists and Communists.

The Communists doubled the poll compared with the last elections in 1921. The Socialists and German Nationalists generally maintained their positions. The People's Party lost heavily.

There were the customary clashes between rival factions in the streets with the result that many were slightly injured. A number of arrests were made.

THE HAYLEY MORRIS CASE.

DEFENDANTS DESIRE TO MARRY.

LONDON, October 27th.

Hayley Morris has applied to the Superintendent Registrar of Uckfield for a licence to marry Madeline Roberts who is described as his housekeeper. Hayley Morris and Madeline Roberts have been remanded by the Uckfield Police Court on a charge of being concerned together in a conspiracy for the procurement of young girls. Both have been granted bail. Hayley Morris in the sum of £10,000 and Madeline Roberts in the sum of £400.

THE TROUBLE IN THE BALKANS.

MEETING OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

PARIS, October 26th.

M. Briand presided at the specially convoked meeting of the Council of the League at which Mr. Chamberlain represented Britain, to investigate the Greco-Bulgarian dispute.

The Chairman referred to the conflicting reports and, in a statement to which his colleagues assented, he said there were two distinct questions to be considered. One of urgency concerned the cessation of hostilities and the withdrawal of troops to their own territories. The other involved the ascertainment of facts and the fixing of responsibility and the reparation payable, which would take time.

Replying to M. Briand, the Bulgarian Minister in Paris declared that Bulgaria had in no way invaded Greece, while the Greek Minister in Paris said that Greece would evacuate Bulgarian territory when the Bulgars withdrew from Greece.

BELLIGERENTS ARE WARNED.

PARIS, October 26th.

After hearing the Greco-Bulgarian representatives, the Council announced it was not satisfied that military operations had ceased, and requested both states to acquiesce in a resolution within twenty-four hours that their Governments had unconditionally ordered their troops to withdraw behind the National frontiers and, within sixty hours, to give assurances that all troops had been so withdrawn and all hostilities ceased. All troops were to be warned that a resumption of firing would be severely punished.

The Council requested France, Britain and Italy to direct officers within reach to proceed immediately to the scene of the conflict and to report when the troops had been withdrawn and hostilities ceased; and in any case, at the expiration of the aforesaid time limit Bulgaria and Greece were requested to facilitate in every way the carrying out of these officers' mission.

The League Council deliberated privately for an hour before announcing the Greco-Bulgarian decision. This was embodied in a resolution drawn up by Mr. Chamberlain, the terms of which were first privately communicated to the disputants in view of their severity. The resolution emphasised the gravity of the action and stated it would be inalienable and an affront to civilisation for such incidents to lead to warlike operations instead of submission to the Council of the League. The Council would always safeguard the honour and interests of the nations whose differences it was called upon to settle.

The time limits run from to-night. The Council will meet again tomorrow. Satisfaction is felt that the Council so speedily reached a unanimous decision.

PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT.

ATHENS, October 26th.

As the result of the intervention of Rumania, Greece and Bulgaria have agreed to sign a preliminary agreement for the evacuation of the respective territories they occupied, following the frontier incident, thus facilitating the task of the League Council.

LATEST CABLES.

BULGARIANS KILLED.

SOFIA, October 27th.

In consequence of the Greek bombardment, twenty-six Bulgarian soldiers and twenty-four civilians, including five women, have been killed or wounded. Also eleven soldiers are missing and believed killed.

EARLIER CABLES.

EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

TO BE WOUND UP.

LONDON, October 27th.

At a meeting this afternoon, the members of the Empire Exhibition Association passed a resolution that the company be wound up voluntarily.

JACOB SUSPENDED.

LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION'S DECISION.

LONDON, October 26th.

The Lawn Tennis Association has prohibited Jacob from competing at any of its meetings until he is reinstated by the All India Association.

The trouble, it will be recalled, originated over a question of the All India Davis Cup team's expenses.

PERSIAN GULF CASE.

CASUALTIES NOT SO GREAT AS FIRST FEARED.

BESHRIB, October 26th.

It is now stated that the casualties in the Persian Gulf disaster are greatly exaggerated, although the disaster was serious.

THE VALUE OF THE FRANC.

ENQUIRY INTO SPECULATION.

LONDON, October 26th.

The French franc in London recovered this afternoon to 113.12.

AN OFFICIAL ENQUIRY.

PARIS, October 26th.

At a meeting of the cabinet M. Caillaux announced that he had ordered an enquiry into the sale of the franc and the purchase of sterling by French citizens abroad, and the Minister of Justice would open the enquiry immediately with a view to establishing the identity of speculators on the franc exchange.

AVERTING A CRISIS.

PARIS, October 26th.

M. Briand is strongly supporting M. Caillaux, because he does not desire a ministerial crisis at the time of the meeting of the Council of the League in Paris. The crisis will possibly be prevented or at least postponed. The Council of Ministers has been postponed until to-morrow. The Cabinet is still discussing the financial project.

CABINET TO RESIGN?

LATER.

Well-informed circles consider that it is practically certain the Cabinet will resign *en bloc* to-morrow, apparently with the object of getting rid of M. Caillaux.

As a sequel to the Cabinet decision to proceed against speculators in the franc, the Controller of the Finance Ministry inspected the books of certain banks.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

HEAVY SCORING IN LEAGUE GAMES ON MONDAY.

LONDON, October 26th.

In the First Division of the English League to-day, Sheffield United defeated Manchester City by eight goals to three, precisely the score by which the latter club won on Saturday.

In the Second Division, South Shields, playing at home, defeated Portsmouth by five goals to one.

A friendly match between Cambridge University and a representative team of the Amateur Football Association resulted in a win by the odd goal of five for the latter team.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

SCHNEIDER CUP RACE.

LIEUTENANT DOOLITTLE WINS IN FAST TIME.

BALTIMORE, October 26th.

The British team for to-day's Schneider Cup air race has been reduced to one. Hinkler, piloting a reserve Gloster Napier, failed to qualify in this morning's try-out. His machine struck the water heavily and damaged the floats.

WINNER'S HIGH SPEED.

The Schneider seaplane race, over seven laps aggregating 300 kilometres, was won by Lieutenant Doolittle, of the American Army, piloting an Army Curtiss racer.

His average speed was 232.373 miles an hour.

Lieutenant Doolittle's speed was a record for the race.

Captain Broad (Britain) piloting a Gloster-Napier, was second, his average being 180 miles an hour.

Dr. Brignati (Italy) in a Macchi flying boat was third, averaging 168.

The remaining two competitors, both Americans, were forced to descend, Cuddyth having averaged 230 for six laps and Otis 218 for five laps. Both were piloting Navy Curtiss racers.

COTTON SLUMP IN U.S.A.

PRICES FALL TO LOWEST SINCE 1922.

NEW YORK, October 26th.

The Government cotton crop report has caused heavy speculative and hedge selling on the market, prices slumping 113 to 120 points, to the lowest since 1922. Covering brought about a partial rally, and prices closed 84 to 107 points net lower. In view of the assurance of a fifteen million bale crop of raw cotton, the trade and cloth buyers are expected to delay their purchases. On the contrary, the present prices in the south are probably down to or below the cost of production, and holders in the interior may refuse to sell freely.

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POSITION IN EGYPT.

ALEXANDRIA, October 26th.

The Egyptian Government has announced its intention to buy cotton at the spot market price, but it is not stated when the transaction will begin.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SITUATION AT TSINGTAO.

NO CONFIRMATION YET OF FIGHTING AT TSAO-CHOW.

JAPANESE STRAMER RELEASED.

TSINGTAO, October 27th.

Although rumours are current concerning hostilities in the Tsaochow district of south-west Shantung, there is no confirmation, and, moreover, there is nothing to indicate conclusively that Haichow has been evacuated by the Fengtien troops. To-night, both regiments of marines attached to the North-Eastern Squadron are entraining here for Haichow.

THE "HAITUNG MARU".

It is now stated that the six emissaries of Sun Chuan Fang arrested here were sent to Tsinan to-day for further examination.

The Japanese steamer *Haitung Maru*, by which they arrived and which was seized by the authorities, was released to-day following a protest by the Japanese Consulate that they had chartered the boat, which bore food supplies, ammunition and money intended for the Squadron. These have been confiscated.

THE SHANGHAI ENQUIRY.

MR. FINLEY JOHNSON MISREPRESENTED.

SHANGHAI, October 27th.

At the opening of this morning's session of the Judicial Inquiry, Mr. Justice Finley Johnson said: "I desire to say I have been involved, by some Press statements, in what has been said. It is hoped the Attorneys and Public may possess themselves, with patience until a report of this commission is made which will be based upon facts presented here by Attorneys and by witnesses."

Mr. Finley Johnson was probably referring to the subject of the following message cabled from Shanghai:

"THE SPIRIT OF LIBERTY."

SHANGHAI, October 26th.

The *China Press* gives prominence to what is described as a "significant" remark by the American Judge, Mr. Finley Johnson in the course of an address at a dinner last night at the American University Club, which was attended by more than 200 Chinese and American graduates from the Colleges and Universities of U.S.A.

Mr. Finley Johnson, speaking on the subject of "The Spirit of Liberty" as exemplified by the Declaration of Independence, said this Spirit of liberty was now being felt here in China, and as in other lands it has not advanced without opposition.

However, concluded Mr. Johnson, "it cannot be shot to death and neither can it be locked up behind prison doors."

JAPAN AND CHINA.

TOKYO FOREIGN OFFICE SPEAKER ON NIPPONESE POLICY.

Tokyo, October 27th.

Commenting on the China Tariff Conference this morning, a Foreign Office speaker emphasised that Japan's policy towards China would remain the same whether the present Peking Government continues, or is replaced.

JAPAN'S IMPORT OF RICE.

DUTIES TO BE RESUMED.

Tokyo, October 27th.

The import duties on rice are being resumed on November 1st according to an announcement by the Department of Agriculture.

BRIDGE COLLAPSES.

THREE PERSONS KILLED IN MEDAN DISASTER.

BATAVIA, October 27th.

The collapse of a bridge, near Medan, in Sumatra, resulted in three persons being killed and three seriously injured. Fifty persons are reported to be missing.

BISHOP OF LONDON.

PROPOSES TO VISIT FAR EAST NEXT YEAR.

LONDON, October 26th.

Addressing the London Diocesan Conference, the Bishop of London said he proposed next year to visit Korea and attend the consecration of the Cathedral there, then go to Kobe, Singapore and Colombo.

At a District Court Martial held at Murray Barracks yesterday, Private William John Barry, R.A.S.C., was brought up on a charge of becoming unfit for duty—to the prejudice of good order and discipline—by reason of previous indulgence in alcohol on October 3rd.

The Court comprised Capt. and Bt.-Major T. C. Greenwood, R.A. (President), Capt. J. O. Carpenter, M.C. (1st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment), and Lieut. C. D. Upson (5/2nd Punjab Regt.). Capt. H. N. D. Walker, R.A.S.C., prosecuted. Accused was not defended and pleaded not guilty.

Medical evidence was given by Capt. R. F. Walker, M.C., R.A.M.C., and Major A. S. Littlejohns, D.S.O. (the D.A.D. of Pathology and Hygiene).

Capt. Walker said that accused was admitted to the Bowen Road Hospital, from the guard detention room at Wellington Barracks, on October 3rd and he (witness) was of the opinion that accused suffered from alcoholic poisoning. Accused was discharged from hospital on October 12th.

Major Littlejohns, giving evidence, expressed the opinion that accused became unfit for duty by reason of alcoholic poisoning.

In reply to a question by the President of the Court, witness said that he considered that accused's state between October 3rd and 12th was due to previous indulgence in alcohol.

Making a statement, the accused said that for the last three months his nerves had been out of order and he had suffered from sleeplessness. While in the guard detention room he felt unwell and reported sick. He had never been in hospital in Hongkong previously.

The Prosecutor read out accused's record, which showed that he was 32½ years of age and had served 4 years and 21 days. Within the last twelve months he had once been punished for drunkenness, but had never been tried by Court Martial.

Verdict and sentence will be promulgated in due course.

THREE MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

Police reports yesterday morning contained details of three motoring accidents. The accidents, however, were not of a serious nature.

About 11 a.m. on Sunday a motor cycle driven by Mr. G. Harrison, Police constable, along Arbuthnot Road, collided with a motor car. The cycle was slightly damaged.

About noon on Monday Mr. E. J. Edwards, living at No. 3, Leighton Hill Road, in overtaking a ricksha at Morrison Gap Road, knocked down a Chinese hawk, who was hurt in the legs.

The same afternoon a car owned by Mr. Fung Ping Shan, of No. 1, Park Road, collided with another car in Stubbs Road. Both cars were slightly damaged, and one of the drivers sustained minor injuries.

WHILE HE SANG.

PRISONER ESCAPES UNDER AMUSING CIRCUMSTANCES.

"Music hath charms," so goeth the saying, and it would appear that this is true even when it is listened to in gaol. There are times when it is made to serve a purpose, in which are overlooked results on the part of the "audience," and Aucklanders are much amused with an incident which took place on September 9th.

The next day there were certain constables there who were feeling much chagrin owing to the manner in which they were duped by three convicted prisoners, Branning, Hansen, and O'Brien, who had been lodged in the police cells, and who escaped under amusing circumstances.

One of the prisoners had a very fine voice, and he sang all the evening, whilst the constables and "borders" listened to the dulcet tones. Little did the constables know, however, that, while the "concert" proceeded, the mate of the singer, under cover of the music, was busily sawing through the prison bars, indeed, under the very noses of the Police.

Evidently the prisoners had the assistance of an associate, who provided them with a saw to cut the iron bars. The escape was made during the night, and under the cover of darkness the prisoners made a complete getaway. Hansen, however, was not so lucky as the others, and subsequently was recaptured.

Mr. A. May, who won the Harbour Race on Friday, was fined \$10 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon for having no lights on a motor-cycle combination in Queen's Road East last month. He was also fined \$3 for failing to produce his licence.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Ng Sui Lun was charged with making false declarations in respect of 50 jars of Chinese wine. Another Chinese, Ng Kai, was charged with aiding and abetting in the importation of the wine. Mr. H. A. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Imports, said that had the fraud gone undetected, the Government would have lost \$800 in revenue. The cases were adjourned until November 2nd. Bail in \$300 and \$500 was allowed for defendants respectively. Mr. O. A. S. Russ defended.

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